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DHS Responses to Open Records Requests in March 2013

On March 8 the department responded to a February 20 request by attorney Darrell Isaacson of Mason City. Mr. Isaacson wanted copies of investigations of complaints filed against Friendship Ark Homes of Ames. Copies were sent to him. There was no fee.

On March 14 the department responded to a second group of questions from Cherie Clark of Disability Rights Iowa. Ms. Clark wanted a list of grievances or complaints filed against the state's non-emergency Medicaid transportation contractor, reports of the outcome of appeals, reports of fraud, and other information. The records are public but were not collected in the manner requested, meaning the department was required to employ the public records policy. The fee was \$288.

On March 15 the department responded to a February 25 request from attorney Ronald Mountsier. Mr. Mountsier wanted PDFs of all Medicaid cost reports, and all amendments, submitted by nursing care facilities for a two year period. The records are public. Mr. Mountsier was informed that the department contractor that administers and maintains the reports would begin the job when the department received his check to cover the contractor's fee.

On March 19 the department responded to a March 18 request for records by attorney Heather Campbell. Ms. Campbell wanted transcripts of depositions of officials in an a Medicaid program integrity case. She later wanted another deposition. There was no fee.

On March 22 the department responded to a March 21 records request by Margaret Newkirk of Bloomberg News, Atlanta Bureau. Ms. Newkirk wanted the department's 2009 response to a records request by GEO Group, which contracts with states to operate prisons and other facilities. There was no fee.

On March 26 the department responded to a March 18 request by Richard Hartig, the CEO of a pharmacy in Dubuque. Mr. Hartig wanted lists of pharmacies that participated in Medicaid's "cost of dispense" and "average acquisition cost" surveys. There was no fee.

On March 27 the department responded to a March 14 request for information to be sent to an anonymous email address. The person wanted information regarding the system of care project in Scott County and its relationship to the Child health Specialty Clinics at the

University of Iowa. The documents are public but were not assembled in the manner requested, meaning the department employed the open records policy. The requestor used a money order to pay the \$56 fee.